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Update No. 12

The State Library Commission has changed its next meeting date from April 25 at the MLA conference to May 2 at the State Library in Helena. Therefore, Commission action on the LSCA Title II grants and the Training Funds applications will be postponed until May 2. The Library Services Advisory Council will take action on both issues at its April 22 meeting in Great Falls.

Anyone who has requested applications for the Library Development Training Funds to attend a graduate ALA-accredited library science program will be sent a copy of the score sheet that will be used to evaluate the applications. Submitted applications will be returned if applicants wish to reconsider them in light of the scoring to be used. Anyone who received an application other than from the State Library should request a score sheet.

The last day to submit ILL reimbursement requests for the third quarter is April 13, 1990. State Library Commission regulations require that reimbursement requests be submitted 10 working days after the end of the quarter ending March 31. Any library missing this deadline will not be reimbursed.

Two Missoula high school librarians--Gloria Curdy and Carolyn Lott--have had a joint article published. "A Word to New Librarians, or How to Survive the First Year," appeared in the January/February issue of *The Book Report*, a journal published five times annually in Worthington, OH. Curdy is a librarian at Big Sky High School; Lott is a librarian at Hellgate High School. For copies of the article, contact Cathy Siegner at 444-5353.

Flathead County Library Director Georgia Lomax has received the county's "outstanding employee" award. The award acknowledges initiative, outstanding achievement, cost savings or special merit. Lomax, director of the library since June 1987, was previously director of the Miles City public library.

The Parmly Billings Library came on-line with its public access catalog on January 9. Nine terminals will allow patrons to search the library's automated circulation system to find out which books are in the collection. A telephone hook-up will be added March 1 so patrons with computers and modems can access the catalog from their homes or offices. The Billings library staff spent nearly a year in making the "PAC" a reality. Other automated libraries include Montana State University and Lewis & Clark Public Library.

Jane Carey Memorial Library at Dawson Community College in Glendive was inadvertently left off the Collection Management Hall of Fame list published in the January 1990 State Library Newsletter. The Hall of Fame acknowledges the work necessary to complete a library collection management policy. An apology for the omission is extended.

**Wanted: children's book reviewers for the State Library newsletter.** Any children's librarian or librarian who works with children who would like to review children's books for the newsletter, please contact Cathy Siegner at 444-5353 for details.

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The American Library Association will hold an all-day workshop for trustees prior to the group's June conference in Chicago. The date is Friday, June 22. Contact the ALA's Sharon Jordan at 312-280-2160 for more information.

Here are some impressive circulation figures: Dawson County High School in Glendive circulated 1,875 items during January. That included 671 books and 1,204 non-book items (magazines, newspapers, etc.) Patrons totaled 3,520, according to librarian Avis Anderson.

The Second Annual Distance Learning Conference will be held March 28-30 at the Colonial Inn in Helena. The conference will feature technological methods for setting up community-based learning centers, hands-on experiences and live demonstrations. Pre-registration deadline is March 15. For more information, call 406-442-0085.

Miles City Public Library employee Robin Gerber has received the grand prize award in a poetry contest sponsored by New York Poetry Anthology Inc. Gerber, who is working on a master's degree in medieval history, has had both poetry and a short story published.

The Liberty County Library in Chester has a new director. She is Cynthia Rooley, who interned at the Hellgate High School library in Missoula and was librarian for Melstone Public School. Rooley succeeds Lilly Eveland, who has retired after more than 40 years as Liberty County librarian.

*Time Magazine* published an article in its January 15 issue describing features of today's modern library. If you can't locate a copy, call Cathy Siegner at 444-5353.

**The following meetings or retreats are scheduled for FEBRUARY/MARCH:**

Feb. 24-25	Offline workshop, Fairmont Hot Springs
28	Academic Cooperative Collection Development Task Force, Bozeman
March 3-4	Broad Valleys Federation Retreat, Fairmont Hot Springs
8	Montana Telecommunications Cooperative Membership meeting, Helena
23	State Library staff retreat, Camp Thunderbird, Helena

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